GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ACID ATTACKS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of acid attack particularly on girls are on increase in the country in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the present provision in the relevant laws are not sufficient to deal with such incidents; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to amend such laws to deal with these incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b): Such information is not maintained centrally, as `Police` & `Public Order` being State subjects, it is the responsibility of the State Police to prevent, register & investigate cases of such crime and prosecute the offenders.

(c) & (d): The Indian Penal Code (IPC) already provides stringent punishment for causing grievous hurt. There is no proposal under consideration to amend any of the provisions of the IPC to deal with acid attacks.